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Protesters at one of the 37 demonstrations that took place this fall to protest Bill 37. The final demo in the series took place yesterday.

500 out to bury the Bill

by Peter Matz

Protesters from across Quebec laid mock coffins at the base of the National Assembly's front steps yesterday, marking the 37th day of protest against Bill 37, the new welfare law.

The gesture symbolized the negative effects the law has on welfare recipients. Nearly 500 people bussed to Quebec City to denounce the Bill that came into effect Aug. 1. The welfare bill has chopped up to $100 from the cheques of more than 82,000 recipients.

Jean-Yves Desgagniers, coordinator of Le Front Commun des Personnes Assistées Sociales du Quebec, and ten other Le Front representatives went into the Assembly to speak to one of Premier Robert Bourassa's provincial advisors.

"We got them (the provincial government) to listen to us," Desgagniers said. "We broke the wall of silence and we'll continue to do so until we get them to take back the law."

The delegation handed provincial advisor Clement Patnaude a list of 1,700 groups representing various sectors of those opposed to the welfare law. Patnaude was also told there are an equal number of petitions now circulating Quebec that 15,000 signatures have been collected.

Desgagniers said MNA's will deliver other petitions to the Assembly at a future date.and added that Patnaude promised to study complaints, and submit a report to the Premier.

Le Front will wait two weeks for results before deciding on the next plan of action, added Desgagniers.

Le Front, a coalition of 25 Quebec welfare groups, is demanding that Bill 37 be reformed or scrapped. One of their main complaints is that the Bill slashes $89 from the cheques of recipients who share a dwelling.

The crowd of protesters marched to St. Roch church, ten minutes from the National Assembly, in the old sector of the city. After singing and chanting slogans of solidarity, demonstrators heard speeches from Le Front representatives.

Pam Dillion, a member of NDG's Anti-Poverty Group, said she doubted the demonstration would succeed in making the government listen to and understand the recipients' concerns.

The controversial bill obliges all able-bodied welfare recipients to work 80 hours a month in jobs offered at each welfare office, as part of the work and employment incentives program. If recipients refuse to work $100 is cut from their welfare cheques.

Recipients can work for six months to a year depending on the work program. The company, where they were assigned to work under the program, can then choose to either keep them on or not.

Welfare-rights advocates contend that only 63,000 placements were created to serve the 200,000 recipients eligible for work programs.

Merle Reisler of La Cafeteria Communautaire de Cote-des-Neiges said the work program has forced recipients to resort to begging.

"What the work program offers are dead-end jobs," said Reisler. "It's as if the government is cleaning house by giving all the menial jobs, ones that nobody wants, to welfare recipients."

Marcel Leclair, 63, has been on welfare for the past ten years. He agrees with Reisler's comments.

"We've become a bank of cheap labour for companies," Leclair said. "The company makes money from us, then we're thrown out only to see the cycle continue with a new batch of recipients."

Le Front statistics show that since last April, 557 355 Quebecers have been living on welfare, 71 975 of whom are single parents.

Maggie Mandzuk, also an NDG Anti-Poverty Group member, said recipients are afraid to speak out against the unpopular bill because they fear their cheques will be cut.

"They have no income or job security, and no union to protect them. The only thing that stands between a recipient and a life of destitution is a welfare cheque," Mandzuk said. "They can't file for a review and appeal (of any cuts to their cheque) because they're not used to dealing with figures of authority. They've been snowed over for too long."

Jean Richard, coordinator of Regroupement des Assistées Sociales et Sociaux de Chicoutimi, said it was impossible to mobilize all 30,000 welfare recipients from the Lac St-Jean-Saguenay region.

"Most recipients had no way to pay for the buses to get here today," Richard said. "It's just too hard for them to organize because they feel they have no power to act. The people here today are the representatives of all those who couldn't make it."

Desgagniers said although he felt this last day of protest was like "fighting David's battle with Goliath," the fight against the contentious welfare bill has only begun.

No male defense

by Karen Hill

TORONTO (CUP) -- Men accused of beating their wives are not welcome at the University of Ottawa's legal aid clinic.

Only assaulted women are represented in cases of domestic violence, according to a clinic policy which has come fire from the province's defence lawyers.

Men are referred to the Ontario Legal Aid Plan office, where they get a certificate entitling them to legal aid by any criminal lawyer who accepts it.

The city's Defence Counsel Association has lodged a complaint against the clinic with the Law Society of Upper Canada.

Brian Greenspan, president of the Criminal Lawyers' Association (CLA), also criticized the policy in a letter to the law society. "Criminal lawyers don't defend crimes, hatred, lies or even causes; criminal lawyers defend clients," he said.

But clinic director David Bennett defends the policy, saying it is not "against men."

"We're doing something for women," he said.

The clinic was careful to make arrangements with the legal aid office for any men accused of assault, he said.

"We feel very strongly that everyone is entitled to legal aid. We wanted to make sure that these men get (it)."

Greenspan criticized the clinic for turning away potential clients because of the type of charge pressed against them.

Defence lawyers, he said in his letter, are obliged "to act on behalf of even the most objectionable accused charged with the heinous crimes."

The reaction of the legal community is surprising, Bennett said, noting that York University has a similar policy and has not experienced any complaints.

He said the policy is a first step in ensuring women have access to the justice system.

"We're here to provide services to groups that have been ignored," said Bennett. "Traditionally the accused is entitled to legal aid. But victims aren't provided with legal aid."

As a result, he said, women often have little recourse when they are victims of male violence.

Louise Shaughnessy of the National Association of Women and the Law said the clinic has made a wise decision.

"It's something of an affirmative

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Buying essays no crime

by Gloria Mottahidin and Clive Thompson

TORONTO (CUP) -- Criminal charges against Toronto's Custom Essay Service have been dismissed at a preliminary hearing, to the surprise of the academic community.

On Oct. 2, a provincial court judge declared there was no criminal intent in the firm's selling of essays to students.

"It's great," said Derek Sims, owner of the Custom Essay Service. "It's been close to a couple of ulcers for the last few months."

Toronto police raided the company's office last April, acting on the advice of York University faculty, who suspected several students of submitting purchased essays as original work.

In the wake of the raid, over 500 Ontario students faced academic charges of cheating, and the company faced criminal charges of uttering forged documents and conspiring to utter forged documents.

Barry Fox, the company's lawyer, argued the actual selling of the essays didn't make them false documents -- they only became false when students put their names on them.

"Students have options. They can buy the essay and just use it as a research tool," he said. "And prosecuting someone for plagiarism doesn't make a heck of a lot of sense, anyway."

The decision caught Ontario faculty off guard.

"I'm a little disappointed and, I have to confess, a little surprised," said Shirley Katz, associate dean of York's faculty of arts.

"(Plagiarism) of this sort is certainly unethical. We were hoping it would also be considered criminal."

University of Toronto official David Cook agrees.

"My first reaction was quite a bit of disappointment in that I didn't believe that what this essay service

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AGENDA

The Agenda is a FREE service to publicize Concordia-related events. Space priority is given to non-profit and student groups. Drop off your info at our office in room 649 in the Hall Building, or mail it in, indicating AGENDA on the envelope. Deadlines are 5 pm Friday for Tuesday's issue and 5 pm Wednesday for Friday's paper.

Friday, October 19

Central America Committee: videos and speaker: "El Salvador: Struggle for Peace and Democracy." Victor Aguilar, of the Radio Farabundo Marti network will speak after screenings of the 60 Minutes report on the Jesuit murders and "Febe Elizabeth Vive"—FMLN video on their November 1989 offensive. 6pm at Mugshots, room H-651. FREE.

Lesbian and Gay Friends of Concordia (LGFC) will meet today at 3:30 in room 102 of the P-annex, 2020 Mackay.

The Central America Committee will be having a meeting today in their office at 2020 Mackay, 2nd floor. 3pm for new people and 4pm for members. Call 848-7410 for more info.

Monday, October 22

International Rainforest Info Week, Starting today until the 26th. H-110. Friends of the Rainforest—Montréal, in conjunctions with the Native Friendship Centre, presents an information event series on the consequences of de-forestation domestically and abroad. Videos on James Bay II, Amazon, S.E. Asia. Info: C.A.R.A., 486-1953.

Tuesday, October 23

"Our Home and Native Land," an exhibition of Sculpture, Painting, Photography and Installation Works by North American Aboriginal Artists, opens today. The artists are Mary Longman (Plains Cree), Arthur Renwick (Haisla), Eric Robertson (Kitskan), and Veran Wallis (Apache).

QPIRG waste management action/research team. Meeting: today at 5:30pm at H-769 (Hall building). Garbage burning you up? Want the city to learn instead of burn? We're working on getting the city to use reduction strategies instead of incineration. Info: 848-7585.

Wednesday, October 24

Anniversary kiss-in. Today marks one year since homophobic Upstairs owner kicked out a group of women because they were cuddling. Demonstrate against homophobia at 8pm, outside the Upstairs restaurant, on Bishop St. in between de Maisonneuve and St. Catherine. For more info, call the Concordia Women's Collective at 848-7411.

GENERAL

Q-Pirg will be holding a by-election for Board members at our semi-annual general meeting. We are presently seeking nominees. The nomination period is Oct. 18—31. Q-PIRG encourages women, people of colour, gays and lesbians, to participate. We particularly require a greater representation of women on the board. For info: 848-7585. 2130 Mackay, AR-101.

Fundraising—Women's Sexual Assault Centre. Support the Center, buy a raffle ticket at the Q-PIRG office, 2130 Mackay. The Centre is hoping to raise $20,000 as they have had to deal with cutbacks in funding and presently only have one office worker.

All psychology students are invited to attend CUPA's weekly meetings held every Thursday at 3pm. The meetings are held at 2020 Mackay, P-Annex, room 205. Everyone is welcome.

Attention all psychology students, a contest is being held to choose our t-shirt's new design. All submissions can be dropped off at CUPA's office, P-Annex, 2020 Mackay, room 205, or at CUPA's mailbox at CUSA, 6th floor Hall building. Prize is 2 free t-shirts. Please write your name & phone number on your submission. Deadline: Nov.15th.

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LETTERS

Two sides to every story

To the editor,

We, the students at Hingston Concordia Residence, are disturbed by the treatment of the issue of the two students, Michelle Welton and Allison Johnson who are protesting their fines for sitting outside on the second floor window ledge facing the Hingston quad. The article took a biased opinion towards the two offenders.

We at Hingston wish to explain our opinion (substantiated by fact) of the issue.

First, although the rules in the Residence Handbook do not specify sitting on the ledge as an offense, Ms.Welton and Ms. Johnson violated three rules that are written in the handbook. These are, violation of quiet hours, disorderly behaviour disturbing to other residents, and entering the Hingston Quad.

The fines for the three offenses could have added up to $75 not to mention that there is an addendum to the rules that specifies that it is an incomplete list and may be amended at the discretion of residence without prior notice. When taking this into account it is possible that they may have even gotten off easy.

Second, if the offenders were not making noise in the quad, how could an R.A. hear the noise from inside her room and come out to check the disturbance?

Third, when Ms. Johnson replied, "But there wasn't any indication of it being out of bounds," we can only be insulted that this character can be representative of the residence population.

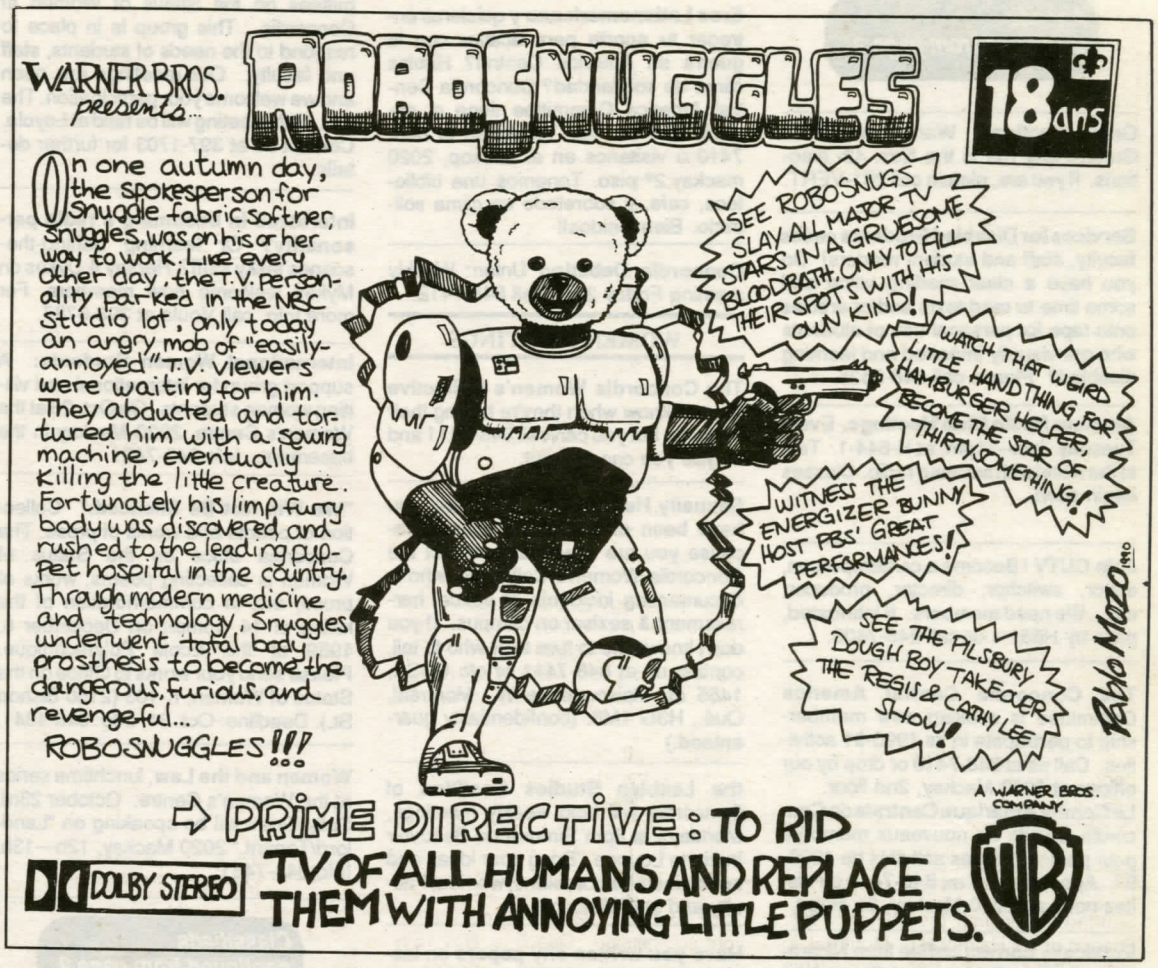
Common sense dictates that sitting on a ledge where the windows barely give enough room to fit a small dog, after removing a protective screen, you don't go out and sit there! Should this be written in the rules? Thou shalt not kill is not in the rules but does that make murder okay? If we allow residents to sit on the second floor ledge, why not the fourth floor, or when they are intoxicated? Where do we draw the line?

To clarify the threat made to the two offenders, we can only say that all fines are sent to the Code of Conduct committee if they remain outstanding after a month and dealt with in this manner. This was no instance of isolating the offenders by any prejudicial means.

To think that a fellow resident would approach *The Link* for an interview and not even know the content of her plea is senseless. If she did not know what the Code of Conduct was then why grant the interview until she had done some research. Not only did Ms. Welton and Ms. Johnson make all of residence look ridiculous they made themselves look worse.

Next time, explore the facts and take both sides of an issue and don't take all words at face value.

-Carl Martin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To the editor,

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Shame on such irresponsible behaviour! I might assume that all of Concordia's papers exhibit similar actions of total disregard for the most basic steps taken toward responsible consumption and recycling.

Karen Ringuette

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Legal policy

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was doing wasn't illegal," he said. "I would have been quite happy to have them convicted."

For now, U of T is concentrating on pursuing academic charges against roughly 25 students whose names were found on customer lists at the Service, he added.

"We're focusing on what can be done internally to discourage use (of purchased essays)."

Academic charges laid at U of T and York have run from giving students zero in their courses to several years of suspension from university.

One student at U of T unsuccessfully appealed a charge of four years' suspension, claiming the penalty was too harsh for a first-time offender.

The student also felt the university was handing down an excessive penalty in order to discourage other students from purchasing essays, and argued that publicity of Custom Essay Service case had already had this effect.

Anthony Rein, the student's lawyer, said buying purchased essays isn't much different from purchasing other academic documents.

"In some areas of study it's common and encouraged for students to get course summaries to study from," Rein said.

"The idea of handing in someone else's work is perhaps not so far away from each of us as we would like to think."

The Custom Essay Service case is precedent-setting, since no one has ever charged an essay service before, according to Fox.

Steven Leggett, the prosecuting lawyer for the crown, said he could not comment on the possibility of appealing until he read the full text of the judge's decision.

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Essays for sale

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action step. It recognizes that women haven't had access to community services. It requires anunderstanding of true equality."

She said there are few services geard toward victims of male violence in Ottawa, while men accused of assault have many resources available to them.

Bennett agreed, and said clinic members wanted to make legal assistance more accessible to battered women, as well as offer them additional services. Women can get information about the justice system, advice about child custody, restraining orders and even welfare.

About 20 women have used the service since the policy was adopted in July. Only three men have been turned away, Bennett said. And since the publicity in the Ottawa area, four women have sought advice from the clinic in just one day, Bennett added.

Diane Roberts, a legal worker at Parkdale Community Legal Services in Toronto, said Parkdale has been offering the same kind of service for the past eight years. She said it is a good idea to gear services toward women because it avoids a conflict of interest.

"The problem is that if we serve both (batterers and their wives), we're in a constant conflict of interest situation.

"It's very difficult to maintain your credibility if you're doing education in the community around wife-battering, and going to court to defend the batterers."

Mary Marrone, staff lawyer for York University's clinic, said she's puzzled by the outcry.

"Frankly I don't understand where all the hysteria is coming from. There's no denial of counsel, and we would never advocate that."

She said that the policy is on line with others at the clinic: Tenants are accepted rather than landlords, as are injured workers rather than employers.

"All clinics set priorities," she said. "I can't believe that a right to counsel has become so sacrosanct. They're saying clinics have to be all things to all people."

Michael Neville, president of the Defence Counsel Association of Ottawa, did not return phone calls.

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Sexually Harrassed? If you feel you have been discriminated against because you are a woman, contact the Concordia Women's Collective, who is documenting incidents of sexual harrassment & sexism on campus. If you don't know who to turn to or who to tell, contact us at 848-7411 or c/o CUSA, 1455 de Maisonneuve W., Montréal, Qué., H3G 1M8. (confidentiality guaranteed.)

the Lesbian Studies Coalition of Concordia will hold weekly meetings, Mondays at 8pm Simone de Beauvoir Institute Lounge. Bring your ideas and enthusiasm! all Lesbians, women, Faculty and staff welcome.

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Fundraising—Women's Sexual Assault Centre. Support the Center, buy a raffle ticket at the Q-PIRG office, 2130 Mackay. The Centre is hoping to raise $20,000 as they have had to deal with cutbacks in funding and presently only have one office worker.

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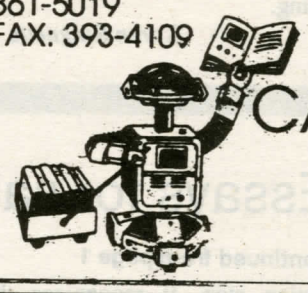

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From Swaggert to birthing *James* does all

by Michael Orsini

Tim Booth doesn't mind bad press.

But that's not surprising. Booth heads James, a seven-piece band based in Manchester, England, home to a notorious music press corps that makes and breaks pop icons at the slash of a pen.

"In some ways, it's quite healthy," Booth said this week in an interview from Square One Recording Studios in Manchester, where James is preparing its fourth release.

"Some of our best reviews have been bad ones. We got much more worried in the early days when we got wonderful reviews."

Get worried again.

Gold Mother, James' first effort on Fontana/Polygram Records is - well - wonderful.

And the ever-fickle British press has agreed, calling Gold Mother "exhilarating, challenging, consistent, but never chartbound."

But Booth said James does has the potential to be the next big thing, adding that the band never tried to grab the brass ring until about two years ago, six years into their career.

James' previous three-year contract with Sire Records "nearly sunk us," Booth said.

Sire wanted a commercial band and "pop music wasn't in our vocabulary," he added.

"We've always felt that our music has got a simplicity and catchiness that could make it very huge. But that isn't what we go for. We go for depth. We go for respect."

And judging from the album, they go for diversity, no two songs sound alike. *God Only Knows*, a countrified condemnation of religious hypocrisy featuring an opening sermon by evangelist Jimmy Swaggart on the evils on rock music, could land James on the hit list of Tipper Gore and the Parents Music Resource Centre (PMRC).

Swaggart has been caught with his trousers round his knees/ After damning me and you to hell for eternity/ Sex and power and money is the prayer of these priests/ They bribe their past Heaven's Gates and steal a set of keys.

New Musical Express, a British trade magazine, wrote of the band's third album: "James are playing the game, but they're using their own rulebook, creating pop as disposable as a test tube of panda sperm."

Booth is happy the band's music has been well-received, but warned that too many bands become consumed by critical accolades.

"That really leads you down a bad road," he said. "You can see a lot of bands lose complete touch with reality because the people they surround themselves with are people telling them what geniuses they are, when in fact, it's just the drugs."

Other numbers like the velveteen *Crescendo* replace lyrical savvy for luscious instrumentation. The second side opens with *How was it for you*, arguably the most contagious track on this album (er C.D.).

At first listen, the song appears like it could have been written by any generic band with IQ's exceeding their shoe sizes.

Just when you think you're in 45-minutes of arena rock, James tosses in something like the title track, *Gold Mother*, a quirky celebration of childbirth.

Booth explained why he wrote the song and chose it as the theme for the album cover and inside sleeve.

"You know how men boast about their courage in war, killing people," he said. "Women don't tend to boast about their courage in giving birth, giving life to people."

I can see the head now/Between her legs now/Purple headed alien/ water logged old man/in the blood silence.

Booth said James never felt the need to define its own sound, explaining the band's decision to explore various musical styles. Apart from the standard instruments, you can hear trumpet, saxophone, keyboards, accordion, violin, and cowbell.

"It was always that you experiment with music and it didn't matter what style," he said. "The whole idea was the attitude to the experiment, to the playing, to the spirit behind it."

As for the new album expected in about six months, Booth said the band will choose the songs that sound best.

"It's probably going to be as strange as it always has been. We can't manipulate our music at all. We just don't know how to do that."

James plans to launch a North American tour next year, that will include a Montreal date.

"You won't really know what the fuss is all about until you see us play live. All I can do is brag about it on the phone until someone can see us play live."

James is expected to hit North America with their brand of "indisposable pop".

CHAP

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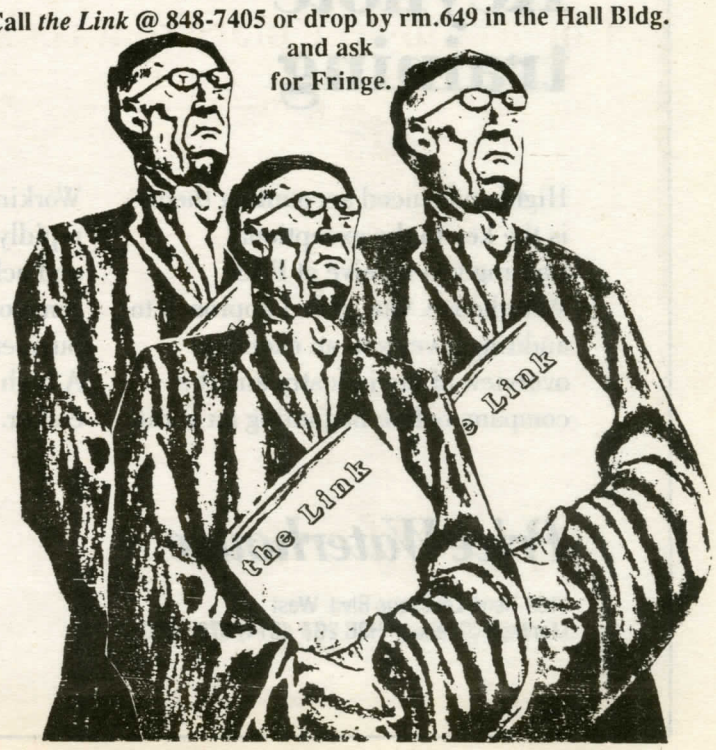

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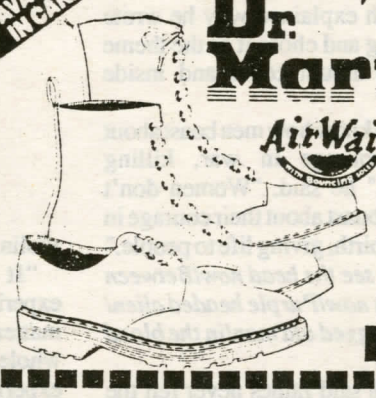

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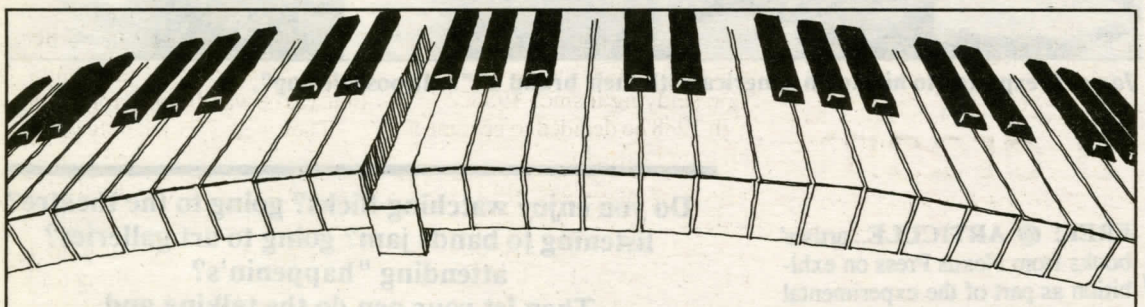

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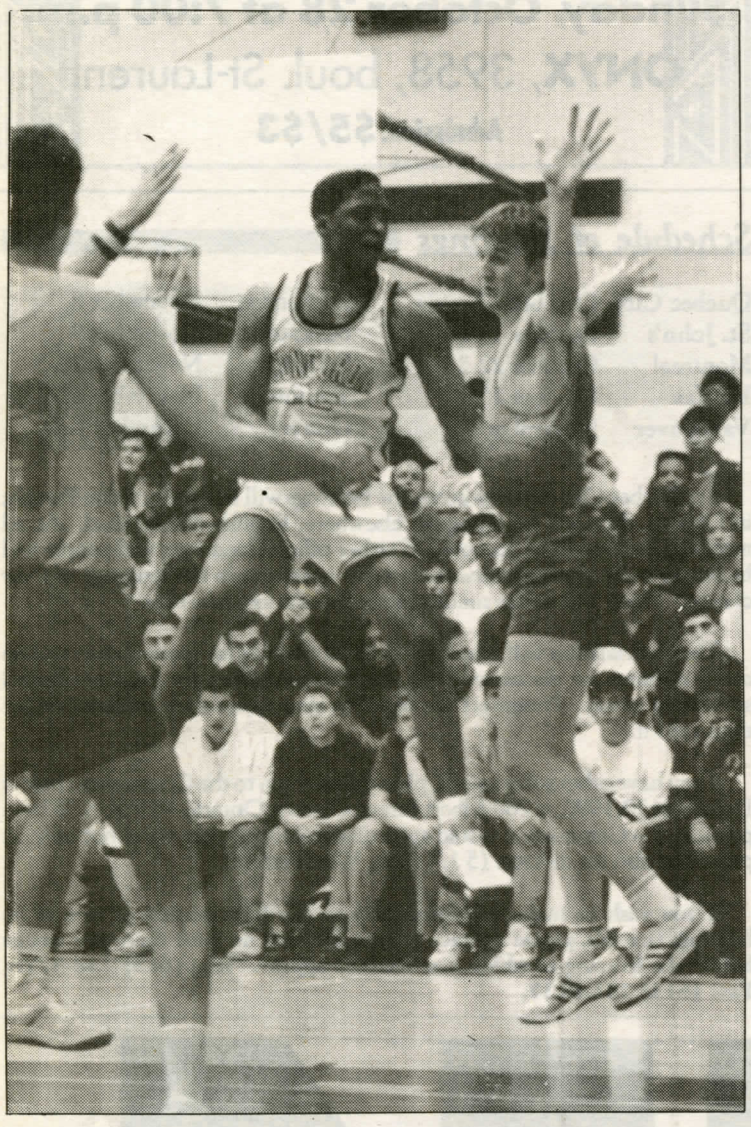

The Stingers strutted their stuff against the strong Armenian team.

Write for Sports!

Stingers stun Soviets

by Paul Graif

The Concordia Stingers men's basketball team has risen to new heights.

The Stingers started off their season by leveling Ourartou Armenia, the third best team in the Soviet Union with a score of 94-87 Wednesday night. The game got underway an hour and a half late when Stinger rookie Roberto "Crash" Feig(as) shattered the backboard with a spectacular dunk.

The Stingers dominated their adversaries in every aspect of the game in the stacked Loyola gym, except for the three point line. They only managed to get two shots from try-land, while the Armenians were 10 of 15 at the line.

Concordia outrebounded the taller and more experienced Armenians, a semi-pro team, by a 46-20 margin. Fourth year centre Dino Perin led the way with 17 boards, as well as a team high 22 points. He shared that honour with captain Nick Arvanitis.

Armenia's three point specialist Lorik Avakian ended the night with 32 points, including 6 for 8 beyond the stripe.

The Stingers seem to be more equipped to quash any opposition this season because of newcomers Emerson Thomas, the all-Canadian CEGEP player and former league all-star Dexter John.

According to Perin, all team members understand and agree that they are working towards a common goal: capturing this year's national championship title.

Coach John Dore was thrilled that his team did not lose their composure when it led by 12 points or when it stayed ahead by only a single point with 2:50 remaining in the game because they allowed three straight turnovers and a foul to bring the score to 86-85.

Dore said Thomas' performance last night was exceptional, and the rookie has a promising future in university basketball. Thomas seemed to be everywhere on the court, and he played with an incredible amount of poise for a rookie.

Second year swingman Robert Ferguson proved why he won rookie of the year award in the East last season. Ferguson showed leadership on the floor. Despite scoring only nine points, he pulled down an equal number of rebounds while setting the pace of the game.

"It was just another day at the office." Ferguson modestly said. "It shows what hard work will do for you every time."

The Stingers, who probably have the toughest schedule in the country this year, kick off the defense of their crown at home next weekend in the Nike Centennial Tournament. They play the Carleton Ravens at 8 p.m. next Friday, October 26. McGill will meet St. Francis Xavier.

Saturday's final is expected to be a rematch of last year's nationals quarter-finals between St. Francois Xavier and Concordia.

Stinger start less than a dream

by Ron Rogers

Just think of it as a bad dream, nothing but a bad dream.

That's the message head hockey coach Yves Beaucage had for his players following a devestating series across the border.

The games served notice that the Stingers still have plenty of work left before they can consider a run at a division title.

The team took on Lowell University in Massachusetts fighting to a 5-5 draw last Friday. Concordia scorers were Stephan Terrien, with a pair, and Pat Ryan, Daniel Picard and Marc Morin with singles. Goaltender Bobby Desjardins once again proved his worth, stopping 31 shots, including two in the five minute overtime.

The next day proved to be the low point for Concordia with an 11-2 drubbing at the hands of the Providence College Friars.

Coach Beaucage said he could see it coming before they even stepped on the ice.

"The players really got blown away by the surroundings," said Beaucage, "especially with the size of the crowd. It's bound to happen once a year."

The Friars lead 4-1 after the first twenty minutes and 7-2 after two periods. Stephan Terrien and Pat Ryan netted the goals for Concordia.

With the Concordia defence giving up a barrage of shots, Beaucage elected to pull starting goalie Desjardins in favour of back-up Scott Donaldson, five minutes into the second period.

The Stingers were outshot 58-22. A total of 15 minor penalties didn't help their cause much either.

Concordia was defeated once again, 5-2 in the final game, by Merrimack.

Richard Ayotte and Steve Sonoski picked up goals for the Stingers and Bobby Desjardins was a standout in goal once more, making 43 stops.

"Bobby is probably the top goaltender in our division this year,"said Beaucage.

The weekend games were not the greatest for Concordia men's hockey.

"We didn't necessarily get outworked or outplayed", said Beaucage, "we just made a lot of mental mistakes."

He also noted that having six first year players on defence didn't help.

"Our defensive zone play needs a lot of work, as we saw this weekend," said Beaucage.

Beaucage said he envisions a more promising future for the Stingers. He hopes the team will make it past the first round of the playoffs, a one game, sudden-death affair.

"We picked up a lot of good CEGEP players," said Beaucage. "(These new players) should help us improve on last year."

Last year the Stingers did not make the playoffs, finishing in sixth place.

Con U masters the martial Arts

by Paul Graif

Kung Fu. Karate. Tae Kwon Do. and Tai Chi. What do they all mean?

If you want to know the difference between these forms of martial arts, then check out the departement of Fitness and Recreation at Concordia.

To the seasoned professional, like Concordia's Lorne Bernard, it is an intensely studied art that is more of a discipline than a self defense course.

Bernard has been teaching White Crane Kung Fu at Concordia for two years. It was first brought to Concordia, and Canada, by Mr. Ngu from Malaysia in 1982.

Bernard learned this rare type of Kung Fu under the direction of Ngu, studying it since 1983.

In 1988 he decided to become a full time instructor.

He went to Malaysia in 1988 to study for four months under an 86-year-old Grand Master, becoming only the second White Crane Master in Canada after Ngu.

Fu Kien White Crane, its full name, is a type of Kung Fu that is based on the movements of the White Crane. The style involves evasive foot movements. There are also 18 different weapons that one must learn to use to master the discipline.

In Malaysia, Bernard trained twice a day, seven days a week while living in the martial arts school with his master. Most of his training was done early in the morning as a result of the intense heat.

"It was so hot, that people would walk around with umbrellas, and even ride their bikes with them to protect them from the sun," said Bernard.

Bernard found life in Malaysia to be drastically different from our own in North America.

"They live life at a slower pace, they take it easy. They have a lot of religious things going on that we aren't even aware goes on," said Bernard.

The cost of living was quite cheap.

"I was able to get a meal for around fifty cents," said Bernard.

Bernard was the main attraction in the small town of Borneo when he participated in public exhibitions, as he was the only foreigner.

"They were very friendly to me, they were happy to see a non-Chinese person doing martial arts."

After returning to Montreal, he started his own martial arts school. He wanted to give something back to Concordia, so he now offers two classes a week to Concordia students at his downtown school, at a cost of twenty-five dollars.

Bernard recently invited Lee Jao Chian, the son of his Grand Master in Malaysia, to Montreal to promote White Crane Kung Fu. Chian is a fifth generation Master ranked number one in the world in White Crane.

It takes a lifetime of study to master White Crane, and by way of comparison, Bernard only knows how to use seven of the weapons and has mastered but one.

White Crane is a mixture of hard and soft styles of martial arts. Hard being a form where one attempts to overpower one's opponent, such as Karate, and soft such as Tai Chi where one seeks to evade one's attacker.

"You can study it (White Crane) all of your life and still not learn it all," said Bernard.

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